

**RED HILL
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Rev. Donnie C. Chambers
Pastor

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST**

Church School at 9:00am; Praise and Worship Service 10:00am; Intercessory Prayer at 6am on Tuesdays, and Bible Study at 7pm on Wednesdays, both via teleconference by dialing 1.267.807.9605, access code 289995

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Community Service Valarie Byrd Named



On October 19, 2023 after serving in the senior leadership role for one and half years, Valarie has been named President of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Columbia, (SC) Chapter (NCBW).

According to their publication, the NCBW is a

501(c)(3) non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to empowering black women and girls in the areas of health, education, economic empowerment, and public advocacy.

Valarie was invited to the White House by Dr. Jill Biden, First Lady for the Thanksgiving Holiday Tea on November 13, 2023.



The Coalition President, Valarie Byrd and Tammie Mims from the Economic Empowerment Committee were guests on WIS-

TV Sunrise program with Jamal Goss. They gave insight on an event the Coalition sponsored November 2023 entitled, *NCBW Path to Wealth*. This free event was held at Brookland Baptist Church and was geared toward helping participants prepare for retirement.

Among the many programs offers by NCBW is Scholarships and Youth Mentorship Program. For more information visit their website:

NCBW Columbia (SC) Chapter
(nc100bwcolumbiasc.org)

Ministers' Corner Pastor and Evangelist Chambers



Getting Through Your Brokenness

Psalm 30:1 *I will extol You, O Lord, for You have*

lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me. (KJV)

I believe if I were to take a poll and ask you have you ever had to get over some stuff in your life, or have you ever had some painful things said about you, especially when it was done intentionally?

Harmful words spoken about you, especially from people you loved, who you cared

for, those you made a sacrifice for, care for and even given your last. People who you thought had your back, as well as your heart, I believe that there are a number of us today who can testify that we have gone through some things in our lives, and the only reason we are here today is because of the grace of God.

Let me suggest something today for those of you who might still be

Unsung Heroes of the Civil Rights Movement:

Willie Pearl Mackey King, She worked as a member of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s executive staff. After the protests in Birmingham began Dr. King was arrested on Good Friday in 1962. In response to a letter written by eight ministers, "A Call to Unity" encouraging Blacks not to participate in the protest. Dr. King wrote the Birmingham letter from his jail cell.

Charles Person a 18 year old Morehouse College student boarded the first Freedom Ride bus from Washington, D.C. on May 4, 1961. "We were taunted all the way to Alabama. A group of men boarded the bus and came toward us. This is where the beating began".

Fred Gray Civil Rights attorney. He defended Claudette Colvin when she refused to give up her seat and Rosa Parks nine months later for the same thing. He lead the legal team defending Dr. King and 88 others arrested during the Montgomery Bus Protest.

Article: AARP Bulletin Jan/Feb 2024

Ministry At Work Deaconess Patricia Miller, President

Red Hill (RHBC) Missionary Ministry keeps a watchful eye over our church family and community. Over the past few years, the ministry has been hard at work in several efforts. The Ministry has worked to provide essentials to those suffering with homelessness, imprisonment, and living in nursing homes.

Toiletry items have been collected and assembled on several occasions to share with those in need. Our Missionary team has worked with the WBAUD on several occasions to prepare hot breakfasts for those who frequent Christ Central Ministry in downtown Columbia. Special toiletry bags were assembled and distributed to the

men and women who frequent that safe haven.

With the help of the church family, last year we collected enough items to assemble more than 100 bags of toiletries to share with those who find themselves in prison. Also enclosed with the bags were special scripture cards and words of encouragement. We visited church members who were in nursing homes, often sharing a special treat with them. But more than anything, we wanted to let them know that their church family has not forgotten them. During holidays, we have delivered special care boxes to some of our sick and shut in members. In addition to sharing love with our own members, in partnership with the WBAUD ministry, we have

delivered warm blankets to the Oliver Gospel Mission.

Early each Tuesday morning, the Missionary Ministry, with our prayer warrior, Minister Sandy Green, leads our church in a prayer. On many occasions we have received special thanks from those that have benefited or been comforted that somebody prayed for them. Our ministry also offers a few words of encouragement to our college students, especially at exam times. As well, we continue to support the efforts of foreign mission, supporting the Teen Mums programs through the Eshe Foundation.

Our efforts are to support the needs of the young and the old, in our communities locally and across the

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struggling with past hurt, pain, and brokenness. We serve a God that's able to wipe out all bad memories and erase our minds from issues in our lives.

I'm not saying that you'll no longer think about certain things in your life, but I'm convinced that if we're going to move forward in our lives, in the midst of the stuff that can weigh us down and destroy our

joy and happiness, we've got to move forward by trust and believing in God.

Because when you allow things to weigh you down, it'll make you look old before your time. It will drive you to the point when you find yourself sitting in your driveway and not wanting to go into your house. It can oppress you to the point where you can't sleep at night.

That's why the psalmist is sharing with us how to forget our past hurts, pain, and brokenness. That word Exalt means to make God large and to make God bigger than anything in our lives. We have to do exactly what David did. Make God bigger than our sickness, our financial needs, or any issues that come up in our lives, and watch and see how God will bring you through your brokenness.

Complex CDC Granted \$100,000

Senator Darrell Jackson took the grant proposal of the Congaree Complex Community Development Corporation (Congaree Complex CDC) to the Senate Appropriations Committee to seek funding. The grant proposal was approved funded by the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism. The grant is funded for \$100,000.00.

The grant consists of several projects throughout 2024:

Project 1 The Weekend Warriors project is the first which is a comprehensive 10-week training course designed to empower individuals from teenagers to adults with the essential skills and knowledge required to start, own, and successfully run a business. The Project will begin on February 17, 2024 and will be held every Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Project 2 the After School Homework and Enrichment Ac-

tivities which is scheduled to begin on March 12, 2024, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks. This is a 20 - week project designed for elementary students to complete homework, receive needed help, and participate in other enrichment activities. In the Fall of 2024, when school resumes the remaining 10 weeks will be completed.

Project 3 the Summer Camp in which approximately 30 rising 3rd through rising 8th grade students will be given an opportunity to attend summer camp for 4 weeks. Facilitators will be available to coach and work with students to hone their skills in the areas of math, reading, and writing, and introduce them to various arts and crafts, entrepreneurship, drones, coding, and other computer activities. Youth will have an opportunity to go on field trips and receive incentives for achievement, attendance, etc.

Project 4 will fund Youth Summer Employment for approximately 20 youth (ages 13 -18) at local businesses for 2 weeks for 4 hours per day.

The Congaree Complex CDC wants to empower the people of the Lower Richland and surrounding areas to become entrepreneurs and have recreational and educational opportunities that are not available for them. These projects will assist and be a great public benefit. The community will benefit by having the youth and adults of the area engage in a learning environment which will foster independence, enhance self-esteem, and promote work skills.

CCDC's Board Members: Pastor Donnie C. Chambers, President; Wallace Reese, Jr., Vice President; Vertelle Pondexter Jamison, Treasurer; Clyde Bouknight, Assistant Treasurer; Evangelist Onetha Chambers; and Minister Joseph Wilson.

Observance & Celebration

- Red Hill celebrated Watch Night Services with Pleasant Grove and New Mount Olive. Pastor Chambers was the speaker for the evening.
- The Planning Ministry has scheduled speaker for the each Sunday in the month of February in observance of Black History Celebration. So far, to spotlight politics, newly elected Senator Tameka Issac Devine; Military spotlight was Sgt. Major Howard Brown. Superintendent of Education, Dr. Craig Witherspoon and the Arts will be featured this Sunday.
- February 10 the Church sponsored a trip to the African-American Museum in Charleston. A fun time was had by all.
- Mrs. Ethel Webber Lovett celebrated her 100th birthday on February 12, 2024.

Midwinter Session 2024

The WBAUD held its 2024 Mid-winter Session at Red Hill January 22 through 26. Two courses were offered: Methods of Evangelism, facilitator, Dr. Alfonso Porter and Grief and Loss, facilitator Dr. Joseph McFarlan. Both classes were well attended each night. Grief and Loss class participants were eligible for certification. Dr. Porter gave eight points on *How To Evan-*

gelize: 1) Speak to the Spirit of the person—we are soul winners; 2) Just talk don't debate—don't argue God's Word; 3) Choose the right time—Be quick to hear; 4) Avoid Christian jargon—be plain and respect their voice); 5) Leave something in their hands—a track, scripture, etc.; 6) Be friendly and smile; 7) Pray (not preach by praying) for them and yourself; and 8) Introduce a new beginning in Christ—New life in Christ. “Know Him and

Don't Brush Off Your Dentist

Now is a great time to schedule an appointment with your dentist. Not having annual visits to the dentist can lead to serious complications for your health and wellness. Even not having regular teeth cleanings can lead to gingivitis, gum disease and cavities. This can also escalate into bigger problems like the need for more expensive dental work.

Even with dental insurance, extensive treatments can amount to thousands of dollars in out of pocket ex-

pense compared to little or no out of pocket expense for preventive care, such as exams and cleaning. Studies also show that oral health has connections to overall health, including an impact on cardiovascular (heart) health. Research link gum disease to inflammation that can come before heart attacks, strokes and sudden vascular events, according to Penn Medicine.

If you have dental insurance through your employment, take full ad-

vantage of your coverage by making and keeping your appointments.

Unfortunately, in most cases Medicare doesn't cover dental services like routine cleanings, fillings, tooth extractions or dentures. However, for Part B covered dental services you pay 20% of approved amount after you meet your deductible. There is also a copay that may be required.

Finally, if you are afraid to see a dentist, which

millions of Americans are there are plenty of ways to address that too.

Many dentists accommodate fearful patients, offering headphones, sunglasses and other items to soothe anxieties.

Keep your natural teeth as long as you can. God designed them to last you a life time.

I have given them the glory you gave me—the glorious unity of being one, as we are
John 17:21

Ministry At Work continued

world. Truly the harvest is plenteous! Our prayer continues to be that the Lord send us more laborers to work in this vineyard. But if not, I'll go if I have to go by myself.

Senior Ministry Ms. Marjorie Jackson, President

A good deed is a reflection of a person's soul. The Seniors Ministry would like to thank Mrs. Ora Harris for her generosity during the month of December. After closing her Avon business, Mrs. Harris did not think it robbery to donate her Avon products to be shared among the church family and surrounding neighbors.

There was such an abundance of items remaining the Missionary

Ministry was able to bless the Killingsworth Agency, a non-profit



that help women and girls make a fresh start.

May God continue to bless you and His grace and mercy sustain you.

I am aware of all your good deeds—your kindness to the poor, your gifts and service to them; also I know your love and faith and patience, and I can see your constant improvement in all these things. Rev. 2:19

Midwinter Session continued

make Him known" was one of the themes throughout the teaching for the week. Pastor Porter taught for 5 nights for two hours and there was so much more he could have taught us on the Methods of Evangelism. He was a very captivating teacher of God's word.

Dr. McFarlan made the class environment easy for participants to share their experiences with loss and grief. Bereavement refers to the period of mourning after the death of a loved one or the loss of any significant attachment. He also emphasized that sometimes it maybe advisable to seek help from a counselor when the survivor is having trouble adapting to their new reality without

the love one. It is also important to note that no two people will go through the grieving process exactly the same way. The following indicates a progression of moving through the process: 1) accepting the reality of the loss; 2) recognizing your pain and emotions; 3) adjusting to a world without the deceased; and 4) finding a way to remember the deceased while moving forward in life. Signs that the survivor may be in need of help: the intense loss or longing lasts for years; memories of deceased continue to be frequent, deeply painful and debilitating. Churches ministries should have resources to help those they encounter in need of additional assistance.